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# Flu Shots — Not COVID Boosters — Caused Strokes in Elderly, FDA Says

*Among about 5 million Medicare beneficiaries who received the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 boosters, at least 11,001 had strokes within 90 days of receiving the vaccine. An FDA-backed study published Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association said the flu vaccine, administered along with the boosters, caused the strokes.*

By **Brenda Baletti, Ph.D.**

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The flu vaccine — not the bivalent COVID-19 booster — increased stroke risk among elderly people who took the two vaccines at the same time, according to a study published Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA).

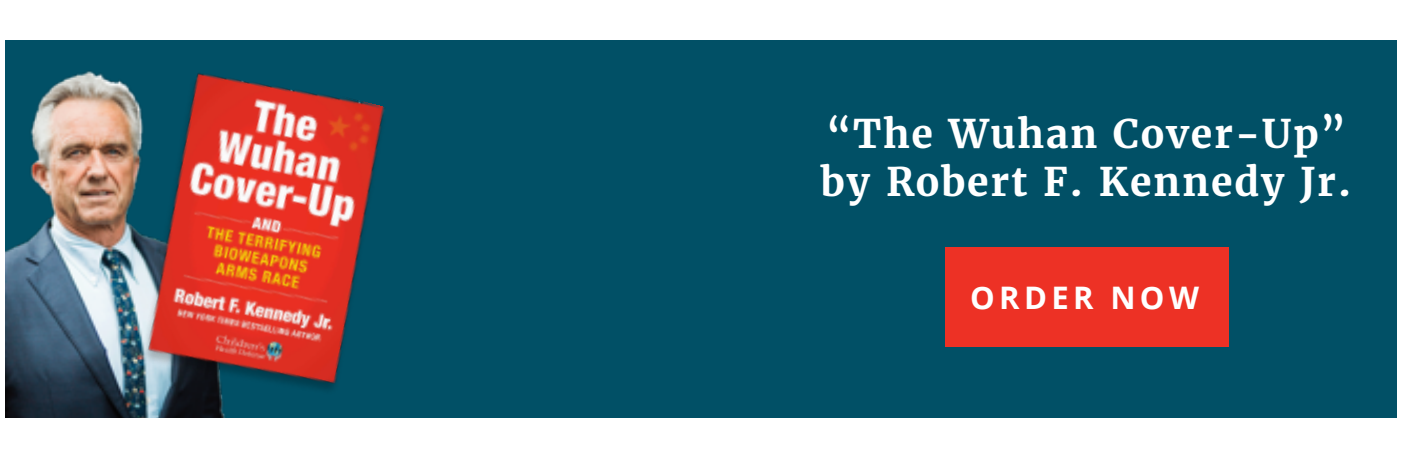
Researchers from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) headed up the FDA-funded study, which was launched after the agency detected and reported a safety signal among older people taking the boosters in January 2023.

The FDA researchers analyzed data from Medicare recipients to assess the risk of stroke after taking the boosters and when taking them concomitantly with the flu shots.

Among more than 5 million Medicare beneficiaries who received the Pfizer or Moderna boosters, at least 11,001 of them had strokes within 90 days of receiving the vaccine.

"11,001 strokes within 90 days of receiving influenza/COVID-19 vaccines is an astronomical number of avoidable neurological events in our Medicare recipients," cardiologist Dr. Peter McCullough told The Defender.

"These data should prompt a halt on administration of both vaccines until large-scale randomized trials can be performed in selected populations who would be at risk for hospitalization or death."



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The study analyzed the people who had strokes, using each individual's data as their own "self-controlled" group.

That means they compared each individual's risk of having a stroke within different time periods following vaccination. They used that comparison to determine whether vaccination could have caused their stroke and if so, whether it was the booster, the flu shot or the combination of the two that did it.

Strokes that occurred within 42 days of vaccination were deemed related to the vaccination and strokes that occurred 43-90 days post-vaccination were not.

The researchers did not include an unvaccinated control group. They also excluded people who had a stroke following vaccination but had been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the 30 days before their stroke.

The researchers found an elevated risk of non-hemorrhagic stroke or transient ischemic attack in people 85 or older following the Pfizer booster and people 65-74 following the Moderna booster in the first 42 days.

Then, when they analyzed the data of those people who had taken both a bivalent booster and a flu vaccine, they found the elevated risk of stroke persisted only among those who had taken the two vaccines at the same time.

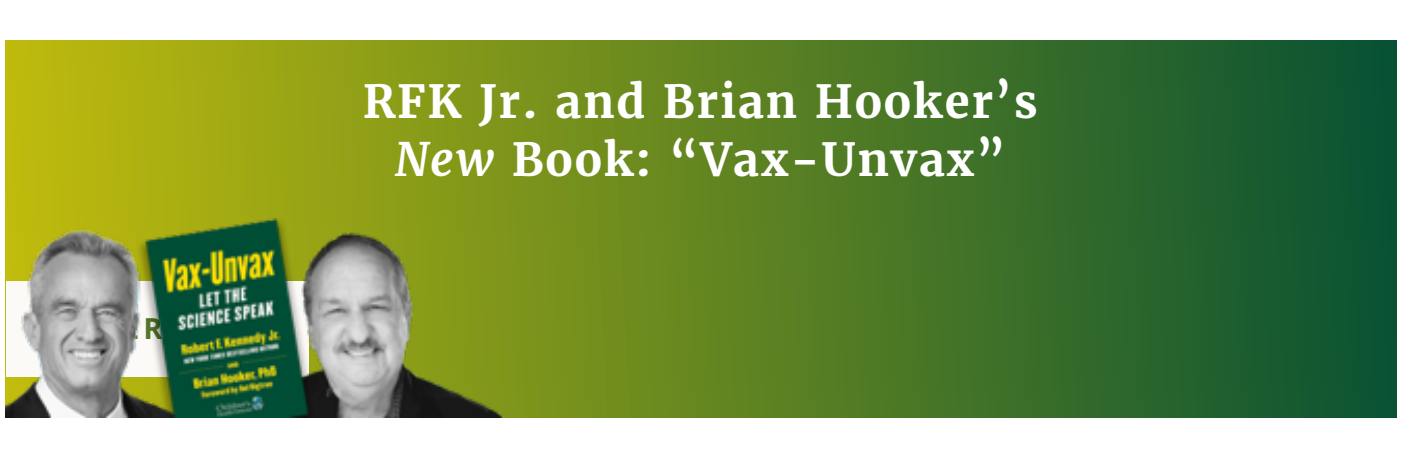
They also found an elevated risk of stroke among those who took only the flu shot.

According to the study, "Among Medicare beneficiaries aged 65 years or older who experienced stroke after receiving either brand of the COVID-19 bivalent vaccine, there was no evidence of a significantly elevated risk for stroke during the days immediately after vaccination," but there was a small association between stroke and flu vaccine.

"This finding suggests that the observed association between vaccination and stroke in the concomitant subgroup was likely driven by a high-dose or adjuvanted influenza vaccination," they noted.

The researchers said more studies are needed to better understand the association between high-dose or adjuvanted influenza vaccination and stroke.

Adjuvanted flu vaccines are typically offered to everyone under age 65. High-dose flu vaccines are given to people over 65, who are at higher risk for flu and for whom the standard flu shot is reportedly not as effective.



RFK Jr. and Brian Hooker's
*New* Book: "Vax-Unvax"

**A 'nothing-burger' study designed to obfuscate**

An editorial in JAMA by Vanderbilt University's Drs. Kathryn Edwards and Marie Griffin, who were not involved in the study concluded, "The study by Lu et al … illustrates the value of a timely, well-designed analysis and has provided reassurance about the COVID-19 boosters."

Ongoing monitoring of influenza vaccines marketed for older adults, they added, will "provide additional data on stroke risk," they added.

Brian Hooker, Ph.D., chief scientific officer for Children's Health Defense and co-author of "Vax-Unvax: Let the Science Speak," told the Defender the study was an attempt to cover over the dangers of the vaccine.

"The only conclusion that they can make from this paper is that we don't know if COVID-19 vaccination causes stroke but it doesn't cause it more prevalently between 1-42 days as compared to 43-90 days after getting the shot," Hooker said.

"In other words, you might have a stroke, but don't worry, it won't necessarily be early," he added.

Hooker added:

> "This type of nothing-burger study is designed to obfuscate the obvious issues with the COVID-19 vaccine which is thrombotic and has been linked to myriad clotting and heart disorders.
>
> "By focusing on this bogus study, FDA shines the light away from their obvious omission of studies that actually provide answers regarding the sequelae to COVID-19 vaccination."

**FDA continued to recommend concomitant shots after safety signal**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on Jan. 13, 2023, announced it had identified a preliminary safety signal for the bivalent boosters. The signal, identified through the CDC's Vaccine Safety Datalink analysis, indicated an increased risk of ischemic stroke in people 65 and older who received Pfizer's bivalent booster.

At a Jan. 26, 2023, meeting of the advisory committee to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), officials from both agencies hypothesized the increased risk of stroke was connected to the simultaneous administration of the flu vaccine.

Despite the safety signal, the committee recommended boosters for older people. They also continued to say it was safe to take the two vaccines simultaneously. They said that because of the safety signal, the agencies would be doing further research into the issue.

"The evidence is not sufficient to conclude there is an association there," the CDC's Dr. Tom Shimabukuro said at the meeting. "And given that, I think talking about spacing the vaccine is premature and I'll just reinforce that the CDC's recommendation for COVID vaccination and for flu vaccination have not changed."

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The authors of the JAMA editorial noted that public health recommendations suggest the multiple vaccines be given at once as a strategy to increase vaccine uptake in general.

They add that in "some populations (such as in frail older adults) and when vaccines may be quite reactogenic, the tolerability and safety of concomitant administration should be evaluated," before making such recommendations.

The JAMA study is not the first to find an increased risk of stroke associated with the flu vaccine in older adults. The editorial itself cited five different studies raising similar concerns.

However, Edwards and Griffin wrote, "From a population health perspective, a risk of serious outcomes of 1 per 100,000 vaccinated individuals would be more than balanced by the benefits of most recommended vaccines."

They also noted the conclusion that the COVID-19 boosters were not related to increased risk of stroke was consistent with findings by researchers in France and Israel.

Following the safety signal reported by the FDA, French researchers analyzed data from the French National Health System to determine whether there was a signal for stroke 21 days following vaccination with the mono and bivalent boosters among people age 50 and over in France between Oct. 6 and Nov. 9, 2022.

They found no signal and reported their findings in a letter to the New England Journal of Medicine.

Israeli researchers analyzed data among people who took the bivalent booster between July 30, 2021, and Nov. 28, 2022, and found no safety signal for stroke. They reported their findings in The Lancet Infectious Diseases.

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**steven koerner, DO**
a month ago
Hmmmm...When in the history of medicine has it been safer to administer more than 1 drug at time? Recall also that both the mRNA and Flu vaccines are composed of multiple ingredients, all with the potential to cause adverse reactions. This adverse reaction (CVA) is not only plausible but expected. The counter argument would be the vaccines are the lesser of two evils. Even if this were true, you would still have to balance the 100% chance of a possible adverse outcome after being vaccinated (and still possibly infected) vs. a much lower chance of getting one or both of these infections. I agree with Dr. McCullough, pull the dam jabs!
19 0 Reply

**Ricky Ricardo** → steven koerner, DO
a month ago
They also told us that we could mix Pfizer and Moderna shots and there would be nothing to worry about. Evil, greedy and inept idiots!!!
8 0 Reply

**Good Ole Mitch** → Ricky Ricardo
a month ago
Corrupt, evil, greedy, inept idiots & remorseless psychopaths is what THEY are.
These sort of mistakes do not just happen by chance or by accident, we know this because THEY've been making the same mistakes for decades, which requires willful intent/ignorance on their part.
Peace
5 0 Reply

**GarySummers** → Ricky Ricardo
a month ago
Safe and Effective remember that one? Lol 😆
2 0 Reply

**Ricky Ricardo** → GarySummers
a month ago
How about this: "Wearing a mask will protect you and others". From what...thinking logically and rationally? Talk about irony...since the "mask mandates" began, I haven't even heard of one Bank Robbery!
0 0 Reply

**Countrygirl1411**
a month ago
Wasn't it the CDC or FDA or both that said it was safe to take both together? Sadly some believed them. You have one shot (covid) known to cause strokes and yet they blame the flu shot. Seems the death agencies will do any thing and tell any lie to protect the covid shots.
15 0 Reply

**Laura Pieters**
a month ago
I feel the FDA is churning data to come up with this result. They just can't or won't tolerate any negativity around the newest cash cow.
12 0 Reply

**Polly Green**
a month ago
Hello—-the MMR is a "combo" vaccine(s).
But now they say the flu vaxx and the Covid poison dart will cause stroke? But of course it isn't the spike protein payload that's dangerous but the useless (13% efficacy?) flu vaxx?
How stupid do they think we are.
Refuse their shots and you will still survive.
9 0 Reply

**Kim from Brooklyn** → Polly Green
a month ago
It's not just how stupid do they think we are but they are thinking, "how much more are they going to let us get away with?".

Once the ugly go down that road, and usually it is a surprise attack, they know they are going to get away with it from the beginning just due to the shock factor alone. Once the opponent gets up and then realize he has been (expletive*%$&'ed), ugly has already had a head start and gained momentum. Now, we have to figure out ALL the angles quick in order to catch up to ugly's position. But we all know ugly just gets more ugly, right?

There are too many big wigs involved and it can be very disheartening to say the least, but we need to realize the person next to us may very well be the enemy, but then again, it could be your next best friend as well.

Trust what you see to be real but also trust that what you don't see is even more real. What one sees as a danger is obviously a danger; but when one does not see the danger "lurking" it appears suddenly and usually with force.

Young people feeling it more then they show. We should be very concerned about this as well
3 0 Reply

**Wendy** → Polly Green
a month ago
Indeed. I have never taken a flu shot or covid shot and never got covid and only had the flu once around 1970. I am healthier now than I was 20 years ago through my own hard work, and studiously ignoring the lies perpetrated by captured agencies and drug pushers.
2 0 Reply

**Polly Green** → Wendy
a month ago
Exactly the same for me including the flu once in 1970.
1 0 Reply

**Peter van der Stam** → Polly Green
a month ago
Problem is: many people are stupid enough to believe their lies.
0 0 Reply

**DeMaynerd**
a month ago
And they refuse to admit to ADDING their MODIFIED mRNA to Flu shots (started in 2023 ?)!
8 0 Reply

**Ricky Ricardo** → DeMaynerd
a month ago
ALL injections from now on are mRNA. After all...who wants to take a decade to safely create a "vaccine" when you can develop an mRNA bioweapon within a month or to and con the masses into believing that it's "Safe and Effective" - and the only thing that will keep them from getting sick and dying! Guess what...I haven't been "sick or dying" since 2009 and I haven't had any injections of any kind!
5 0 Reply

**DeMaynerd** → Ricky Ricardo
a month ago
There won't be any healthy if the chem-trails continue, but worse there's been an invention of a aerosol vaccine so they will only have to spay it in the air. Too bad for those who are already immune compromised or have disease (known to them, or not) because they didn't care about this when they rolled out the deadly vax without consent and with fear and force in 2020.
2 0 Reply

**Ricky Ricardo** → DeMaynerd
a month ago
It's much more than just what's falling from the sky. HAARP is beaming billion watt microwaves into the ionosphere (Ionospheric Heaters) and they're destroying the ozone layer. That's why it's becoming increasingly hotter - UVC rays are getting through!
1 1 Reply

**Ektor**
a month ago
Lies, all lies. Then why does the FDA and CDC regularly promote flu shots for every living human around the clock all year long? Especially if they cause injuries and death? Because that is what big pharma and gates want.
7 0 Reply

**GarySummers** → Ektor
a month ago
The US Oligarchy !
0 0 Reply

**NoName4U**
a month ago
If anyone still believes a damn word that the CDC says, then they really need their heads examined!

All I can say is: ...And the farmer hauled another load away...it wasn't hay!
6 0 Reply

**Kim from Brooklyn** → NoName4U
a month ago
If anyone believes a damn word ANYONE says, they need their heads examined!

Period.

Only and until one has delved very deep into a topic, will one come close to the truth. Then and only then, should one make a decision.

If you think about it, it makes perfect sense, doesn't it?
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**Judith**
a month ago
Somebody call Rachel Maddow. I'm sure she will want to report on this.
5 0 Reply

**rambler**
a month ago
With any study, it's important to know all the variables. There is a huge group of people who never get considered partly because they don't seek out doctors when sick or wouldn't participate if asked. Vaccines may have started out as a way to improve the ability to fight pathogens, but they have turned into money making injections which have little to do with any health improvement.
4 0 Reply

**Paul Hastilow**
a month ago
Smoke and Mirrors.....! They want to avert adverse reactions "Away" from "Clot Shots"....?
FDA and CDC, can not be trusted to even
"Sit on a Toilet seat Properly"
Simple solution, avoid All Vaxxines like the Plague....! They are Not Fit for Purpose.!
And "They wonder what Causes Vaxxine Hesitancy", well there you are,in a Nut shell.
And "YES" you can call me "Anti Vax" as with Anti Corruption, Anti Climate Change, Anti Illegal Immigrants, Anti Voting Fraud, Anti Career Politicians, Anti Censorship, Anti Fauci, Anti Gates, Anti Soros, and of course Anti DemoncRats......!
But Not Anti Semitic, or Anti America...
Guess what....? DJT gonna Sort this Out...!
4 0 Reply

**GarySummers** → Paul Hastilow
a month ago
I get my INFO from Sweden, and Switzerland, Health Agency's, plus still do my own do dillegence.
0 0 Reply

**CastleConnell**
a month ago
So, the studies are 'let's try these out on the elderly and see what happens.'
4 0 Reply

**Kim from Brooklyn** → CastleConnell
a month ago
Yup Get rid of the social security folk and you get a nice chunk of dough to give the corrupt a nice raise.
1 0 Reply

**GarySummers** → Kim from Brooklyn
a month ago
Plus more SSI Funds for the Illegals, plus SSA hopes you die in your 60,s .
Plus the Death Benefit has not been increased since 1938!
0 0 Reply

**Ricky Ricardo**
a month ago
Hey; being pushed off the ledge of a 40 story tower didn't kill him...it's making contact with the ground that killed him! Makes about as much sense! We need to call out the EVIL for what it is!
4 0 Reply

**Ted Kuntz**
a month ago
The FDA has no integrity. If they say something, I believe the opposite.
4 0 Reply

**Jack Hall**
a month ago
We KNOW that FDA has lied to us MULTIPLE times prior to now, but suddenly we are supposed to believe them. I will NEVER believe ANYTHING FDA says unless it is backed up by at least two independent sources. "Fool me once...yada yada yada."
3 0 Reply

**Jeff**
a month ago
The solution is easy.
No vaccines, no problems.
2 0 Reply

**aaaaa1957**
a month ago
Ever since the CDC call gun violence a public health issue even an epidemic it signaled that the CDC was no longer an organization to be trusted to stay on mission. The CDC is now just another branch of the political machine controlled by the executive branch. Now that the next move is to give the FDA power over gun manufacturers because according to the left it offers an " Unconventional " approach to limiting law abiding citizens the right to bear arms ( a constitutional right ) just like the FDA has regulatory authority over things like hypodermic needles, syringes and external defibrillators. The left want to add guns which has nothing to do with the medical industry. These facts prove that agencies like the CDC and FDA are in a power grab mode against the citizens of the United States.
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**Gary Brown**
a month ago
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**Christine Jahnig**
a month ago
Six of one. Half a dozen of the other. It's time that the health and well being of Americans came before corporate profits.
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**Kim from Brooklyn** → Christine Jahnig
a month ago
Time to get back to basics really

Things started going really wild when the internet made a bunch of lazy folk even lazier. But of course it was designed this way. Figure this scenario: With the goal being advance and gain at any cost, the gameboard changes by the second.

Create a situation that is either force-fed down our throats, or make us think without it we are less then. Once they have been able to control the thoughts of most, they can sell you anything.

Create the internet.
Then create a big problem due to the internet
Then threaten to take away the internet (is it really a "freedom of speech" issue?)
Then threaten to expose personal data.
Then they can control what you do; what you purchase; who you talk to; what god you worship; and the best one yet? What your DNA is made of

How many people used Ancentry.com or any other asinine site and sent their DNA and personal data in order to get a history on family, etc? And to pay good money for it to boot? Free information on our country to foreign entities and political corrupt folk, and pay them their fee of $275! Not too shabby, if you ask me. Did you ask me? :)

See how stupid we have been? A friend of mine from china said to me at the very beginning of the plandemic. She said "believe nothing china says, nothing" Well, my friends, welcome to the new china.
2 0 Reply

**GarySummers** → Kim from Brooklyn
a month ago
Red China owes so many in our Government including the Whitehouse.
0 0 Reply

**Kim from Brooklyn** → GarySummers
a month ago
Hi. I have to do my homework on Red China. I have not been too interested in history, and government most of my life, more of an environmentalist and psychological issues person, but I realize not knowing history is a "real BAAAAAAD thing".
0 0 Reply

**Wendy**
a month ago
I don't trust FDA, CDC or any other agency that has failed for decades to do its job, and has in fact been responsible for the injury and deaths of millions of Americans in collusion with the drug companies. They need to be abolished! If they had done their jobs and told people to take proper amounts of Vitamin D (NOT 400 IU, but a minimum of 5,000 IU), the illness and death rate would be vastly reduced. There are hundreds of studies on Vitamin D showing the benefits of proper dosing. Hey, FDA, CDC, read a study once in a while!
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**Romeo Fulga**

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More lies and innuendo. Only idiots on the left believe this propaganda. It's all to protect their money making schemes. We all know everything is about money and power.

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**r2bzjudge**

a month ago edited

"Researchers from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) headed up the FDA-funded study..."

As Dr. Kory demonstrated from the trial data, the FDA's ACTIV-6 Together Trial of Ivermectin, was rigged to fail. The FDA got the result they wanted, not an objective scientifically arrived result.

It is blatantly obvious that the FDA's objective is to cover-up any negative information about the Covid shots. The FDA said Myocarditis was very rare and mostly mild, despite 67% of Myocarditis victims needing medical intervention/hospitalization. The routine now is to blame the virus for most of Myocardits cases. But it was the recently vaxxed who were winding up in the hospital with it in 2021.

The FDA claims they can't find causation on various associated adverse events, but Dressen said that in regard to hers, documentation indicated that the Covid shot was the only thing they were looking at as the cause of her serious adverse event.

I have never heard of the Flu shot being associated to strokes, but the Covid shot is.

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